Dolomite Mines taken over by Sail

3534. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of Dolomite mines taken over by SAIL during the last three years;

(b) whether there is any plan to take over the Dolomite mines of the Bisra Stone Lime Company in Sundargarh District of Orissa; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) :

(a) None. Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Export of Aluminium and Steel Utensils

3535. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the annual export of aluminium and steel utensils/aluminium anodised utensils/articles etc. during the last three years indicating separately names of the countries to whom exported along with the quantity thereof and names of our authorised companies;

(b) what is the average annual demand of such type of Indian utensils from abroad and whether Government feels our prospects in this field are bright for exports in the coming years indicating foreign demand during 1990; and

(c) whether Government propose to take steps to see that the quality of our Aluminium/steel is of the international standard ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) : (a) Export of aluminium and stainless steel utensils from India during the last three years has been as under :—

(Value in Rs. of Crore)

Item	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
1. Aluminium Utensils including pressure cooker and of alloys	6.00	6.50	8.00
2. Steel utensils including stainless steel . . .	10.50	11.50	14.00

These utensils have been exported mainly to the Gulf region, Mauritius, Tanzania, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, U.K. and other EEC countries. Major exporting companies of aluminium utensils are JK Metals Industries, Shah Deb Chand & Co., Calcutta Label Works, Lallubhai Amichand & Hawkins Cooker Ltd. and that of stainless steel utensils are Lalit Corporation, Gemini Industries, Home Products International, Luxmi Metal, Neelam Metals, Rajasthan Metals & Sarda Metal Industries.

(b) & (c) : According to Engineering Export Promotion Council there is scope for increasing export of Indian aluminium and stainless steel utensils provided certain adaptations are carried out and quality of such products is improved. In this background the Engineering Export Promotion Council has fixed targets of export of Rs. 55 crores worth of aluminium utensils and other aluminium products and Rs. 17 crores worth of stainless steel utensils including other steel utensils for the year 1990-91, such exports are covered under compulsory quality control and pre-shipment inspection by the Export Inspection Agencies.

Increase in Non-Plan Exenditure of

3536. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the details of overtime, local conveyance, fixed conveyance, entertainment

expenses, expenses on running and maintenance of Chauffeur Driven Cars termed as 'Staff Cars' TA/DA and ex gratia payments allowed to ITDC employees during 1986-87 to 30th June, 1990, unit/division/department/sectionwise indicating expenses/payments to Executives and Non-executives separately and the number of beneficiaries in each case;

(b) the number of daily wage employees and contracting firms engaged in the above-said activities/units/division of ITDC for supplying the man-power and payments made to them in lieu thereof by each department/unit/section during the above period; and

(c) whether any efforts have been made to reduce the non-plan expenditure in ITDC, if so, what are the details thereof head-wise as carried out by each division during above period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK) : (a) The requisite information on overtime, TA/DA including local and fixed conveyance reimbursement, running and maintenance of staff cars, ex-gratia and entertainment for the period 1986-87 to 1989-90 (provisional) as given at statements A, B, C, D and E respectively; [*See* Appendix CLV Annexure 126] similar information for the period April to June, 90 is not available as the accounting year terminates in March every year. The break-up of the aforesaid expenses separately for executives and non-executives as also the number of beneficiaries in each case is not being maintained in ITDC.

(b) Separate information in this regard is not being maintained in ITDC.

(c) The activities of ITDC fall within the ambit of service industry and the expenditure on the various heads is done keeping in view the operational requirements. Every effort is made to reduce such expenditure.

Measures to save Dibrugarh from erosion caused by the Brahmaputra

3537. SHRI AMRITLAL BASUMATARY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Dibrugarh, a tea town of Assam has been threatened by the Brahmaputra owing to erosion upstream in the east of Dibrugarh; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to stop erosion by the Central Water Commission to save the town and what progress has so far been made in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) The Government of Assam proposes to undertake additional anti-erosion scheme as per the model studies conducted at Central Water Power Research Station, Pune.

Special Deposits Scheme for NRIs in Middle East Countries

3538. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has launched a new scheme known as Special Deposit Scheme for the benefit of NRIs in Middle East Countries; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) and (b) NRIs located in the Middle East have been suggesting for some time introduction of a FCNR Account Scheme with facility of withdrawal of full or part of the sum deposited without notice and providing exchange protection to the depositer. Accordingly FCNR—Special Deposit scheme for the Middle East has been designed with the following salient features :

(1) The scheme is open to Non-resident Indians as well as Overseas Corporate Bodies (OCBs) owned by Indians resident in the Middle East.

(2) Deposits will be designated under the scheme only in U.S. Dollars.

(3) Deposits can be placed with designated Branches of any Authorised Dealer in India.